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SEPTEMBER 12, 13 and 14, 1900.

The next session of the Association will be held with Concord Baptist Church at Buenavista, Monroe County, Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1901, at 11 o'clock a. m.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

Dr. D. W. Ramsey, Pine Apple, Ala.

CLERK:

J. G. Reynolds, Forest Home, Ala.

TREASURER:

W. A. J. Albritton, Ackerville, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dr. D. W. Ramsey, J. G. Reynolds, W. A. Taliaferro, F. M. Fletcher, J. F. Fore, J. L. Skinner.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS:

J. L. Skinner, Furman, Ala.; J. B. Watson, Thomas Lee.

HOME MISSIONS:

J. W. Luckie, Monterey, Ala.; C. E. Bruner, W. T. Steen.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

J. F. Burson, Olea, Ala.; T. D. Majors, T. A. Cowart.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION:

O. H. Spencer, Sallie, Ala.; F. H. Mason, J. D. McKinley.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE:

O. J. Benson, Buena Vista; J. J. Finklea, N. Kearley.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:

W. A. Taliaferro, Furman, Ala.; P. E. Wallace, P. U. Spier.

TEMPERANCE:

J. F. Fore, Pine Apple, Ala.; C. Powell, J. M. Cone.

ORPHANS' HOME:

S. C. Cook, Nellie, Ala.; C. C. Ray, D. McLeod.

SABBATH SCHOOLS:

D. Cook, Rockwest, Ala.; F. F. Cook, G. G. Newell.

WOMAN'S WORK:

W. A. J. Albritton, Ackerville, Ala.; E. K. Robbins, D. H. Adams.

B. Y. P. U.

W. N. Huckabee, Pine Apple, Ala.; A. P. Majors, I. S. Ridgeway.

10. THIRD DISTRICT.

Bell's Landing—O. H. Spencer.
Bethel—Not represented.
Concord—N. Kearley, Geo. Rickard.
Flat Creek—By letter.
Indian Springs—D. M. Maxwell, J. H. Fore.
Midway—Not represented.
Mt. Pleasant—C. Myrick, R. E. Coleman, J. G. Booker.
New Hope—Travis Reeves, Robt. Helton.
Pineville—J. B. Harper, L. J. Robbins.
Spring Hill—D. Massey.

11. The Association proceeded to the election of officers. By unanimous vote the rules were suspended and present officers were re-elected by acclamation. Elder D. W. Ramsey, Moderator; J. G. Reynolds, Clerk; W. A. J. Albritton, Treasurer.

12. Representatives from corresponding bodies were recognized and welcomed to seats in the Association, as follows:

Howard College—Prof. F. M. Roof.
Alabama Baptist—Rev. J. A. Howard.
Bigby Association and Eutaw Church—Rev. W. G. Curry.
Bethlehem Association—Rev. J. S. Wood.
Judson Institute and S. S. Board—Rev. A. J. Dickinson.
Montgomery Association—Rev. W. D. Gay.
Conecuh Association—Rev. J. M. Fortune.
Selma Association—J. R. Crumpton, Thos. Williams.
Woman's Work—Mrs. Clara Ansley.
Institute Board—Rev. G. S. Anderson.
New Orleans—Rev. A. G. Moseley.

13. On behalf of the church and people of Furman, Rev. W. A. Taliaferro welcomed the Association, to which response was made by Bro. Daniel Cook.

14. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report during this session:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and deacons Bethsaida church.
15. Apportionment—J. B. Harper, R. E. Lambert, J. K. P. Robson, R. E. Coleman, C. Powell.
16. Request and Nominations—B. W. Watson, W. A. J. Albritton, W. M. Fitzgerald.
17. Finance—D. Cook, J. L. Glenn, D. M. Maxwell.
18. State of Religion and Digest of Letters—O. H. Spencer, J. L. Skinner, J. L. Fore.

19. In the absence of reports from standing committees, the following were appointed in their stead: Woman's work—Messengers from Concord and New Hope churches. Sunday school—J. W. Luckie, chairman, with remainder of delegation from Fellowship church.

20. The Clerk read a circular from Secretary of B. Y. P. U., which was referred to Committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters.

21. Bro. W. A. J. Albritton, Treasurer, made his report for the past year, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

22. Bro. F. M. Fletcher made report on State Missions. After being discussed by brethren Fletcher, Crumpton, Williams, D. Cook and Spencer,

23. Bro. J. B. Harper submitted report on Home Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Primarily this work means the planting of churches in destitute places, and the establishment of Sunday schools where none exist, so that the people may know the way of life, and this sort of work will be needed for many years. State evangelization, however, has a broader meaning in this nobler sense, it contemplates the advancement of our people in spiritual life and power and in fellowship one with another.

There is preaching, but some of our brethren of the ministry, through necessity, are bound to their farms, shops, stores, or some secular affairs, and often they enter their pulpits keenly feeling the need of better preparation. Brethren, the pew should see to it that their pastors are given time for study and preparation for their great work. Great as is the work being done by our State Mission Board, yet we are by no means meeting the demands upon us. Great destitution abounds, and Alabama Baptists ought at least to double the missionary force within her own bounds. There are many of our churches that have fallen into indifference. Why is it we have so many seemingly indifferent members in our churches? Simply because they were only marked and turned loose. Training, constant training, is necessary.

So the work of State Missions involves not only the salvation of people, but all things pertaining to life and godliness; it involves the whiskey traffic, which saps the energies of the state and hinders the churches in their work. The State Mission Board is now in its twenty-fifth year. The brethren everywhere speak in the kindest tones of the Secretary and the Board. Some of the Associations are doing work in their own bounds, but it is not because of unfriendliness to the Board. We have 90 associations, 127,545 members, 1,769 churches, 1,117 ordained ministers; 577 of this number engaged in the active work of the ministry, baptising for last year 755, Sunday school pupils enrolled 44 577, value of church property $1,220,550. We gave for missions $20,743. It should be borne in mind that much of the increased contributions from Alabama to the Home and Foreign Boards is due directly to the efforts put forth by our Secretary, Bro. Crumpton, in the field and by the thousands of pages of literature he sends out from his office in Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Fletcher,
For the Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report the following:

We ask, in the first place, what do we understand the term missions to mean?

In the second place, why does the spirit of missions prevail in the world to-day?

We ask in the next place, who was the first one to send out a missionary, who was this missionary, and unto whom was he sent?

We answer, first, that missions, as we understand it, refers to one who is sent out by another, with the delegated authority to transact or perform work on a certain line.

We answer in the next place, that God looked out over the world and saw it dead in sin and transgressions and He, out of His great heart of love and compassion, determined to redeem it by and through the work of missionaries. God so loved the world that He sent His Son into the world that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. So we see that it was the work of God that first caused the spirit of missions to begin its work, and hence its prevailing influence in the world to-day. We see also that Jesus Christ was the first missionary, and that He was sent into the world by His Father and our God. He was, therefore, the first missionary, and it is ours to thank God that this same spirit of missions is fast taking on increased interest. But brethren, shall we here in the Pinebarren Association be satisfied with this increased interest unless this interest is experienced by us? Shall we, as Baptists, yes, Missionary Baptists, be satisfied until this world has been taken for Christ by the work of the missionary? We certainly should not be.

Our Savior's first work was among His own people and in His own land. Shall we not look first to our own people, and prepare also for those who are soon to be our people? Shall we not see to it that if God has not called us to go into heathen lands, that surely He has called us to help do something to save those in our own land, many of whom are lost to-day because they have never enjoyed the blessings of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We give here some statistics of the work of the Home Mission Board. They had in the field at the time the Southern Baptist Convention met in May, 1900, missionaries, 661; weeks of labor performed by them, 16,919; churches and stations 2,168; sermons and addresses delivered, 64,462; prayer meetings held, 9,150; religious visits, 88,280; number of baptisms, 5,696; received into the churches by letter, 6,255; total addition, 11,951; churches constituted, 195; churches built, 71; houses of worship improved; 63; Sunday schools organized, 639; number of teachers and pupils, 24,675; Bibles and Testaments distribuied, 18412; No. of pages in tracts, 1,534,740.

The amount of cash received by the Home Board last year was $79,366.68. Divide this equally among 671 men and we have $118.28. Is there another class of men in the world who do the same amount of work, undergo so many hardships and make so many sacrifices as these men and women whom God has called to go out into the world and work for him? We must remember that these missionaries are in our own country and among our own people. Shall we who have said by our action when we joined the Baptist church that we believe in missions, care for these dear ones? We have in the S. B. C. bounds frontier territory covering about 500,000 square miles. These frontiers are being settled up by foreigners and the people from our own Southern states, many of them ignorant and many, yes, thou-

sands, who do not know Christ in the forgiveness of their sins. Shall we let them remain there in this condition, or shall they have the gospel sent to them? The Board has spent in this work during the past year as follows: In Indian Territory, cash, $4,748.20; in boxes, food, clothing etc., $3,392 52. In Oklahoma Territory, cash, $2,843.66, in boxes, $7,768.28. In Texas, cash, $6,780.30; in boxes, $8,668. But what is this amount when we consider the number of people living there, and how little they care for Christ?

If we, as Baptists, don't bestir ourselves on this question, some other denomination will step in and take possession of these Macedonian fields, and when once taken possession of they will be hard to reclaim. The Northern Presbyterians last year spent $75,000 in the mountain section. They say if you Baptists will not, we must. During the past year the Board has appropriated $9,546.93 for work in Cuba. One has said, the greatest and most urgent of all needs is the need of some effective plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propogation of the gospel. After fifty years, not half of the churches have been reached; dine-tenths of the membership give nothing. Until this problem is solved, our denomination will continue simply to play at missions, and our God-given Baptist church p olity will be discounted among men for its inefficiency.

Now, as to a definite cause of action, we suggest that every minister in this association be requested to give at least ten days of his time during the next associational year for mission work in the Pinebarren Association, and that the church or churches to which he ministers be requested to excuse said minister for such time as he may be engaged in such work. That this work be directed by the executive committee, and at the close of each meeting a collection be taken for associational missions and sent in to the executive committee. Further, that said missionary shall receive only his actual expenses while engaged in such work, and that this expense be paid out of the funds in the keeping of the executive committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARPER, Chairman.

Deferred for discussion.

24. Committee on devotional exercises announced preaching at 8 p. m. by Bro. J. S. Wood.

25. After prayer by Bro. Huckabee, Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13, 1900.

The Association convened at 9:30. Prayer by Bro. J. F. Fore.

27. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

28. By unanimous vote Shackleville church was dropped from the roll, not having been represented in this body for the past four years.

29. There being no representatives from Pine Level church for the past two years, a committee consisting of J. L. Glenn,

C. E. Bruner and J. G. Reynolds was appointed to visit said church and report at next session of this body.

30. Bro. Curry taking the chair, the reports on State and Home Missions were taken from the table and discussed by brethren Ramsey and Fletcher.

31. Bro. B. W. Watson then offered report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." And Christ, in His last prayer to the Father for His disciples, says, "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so send I them." Christ's mission—our mission! We rejoice to see our people interested in missions as never before, and that the advanced movement ordered by our Convention has been so heartily approved by our great denomination. In many instances single churches support a missionary. God is blessing our advance movement, and glorious has been the success on the foreign fields. Last year 845 baptisms were reported. This year we report 1,341. We increased our work 25 per cent. God increased the results 50 per cent. In '96, after fifty years of work, we had 3,801 membership in foreign lands. In the past three years alone there have been added 2,887. The great harvesting is just beginning.

During the year four of our missionaries have had to give up the work, but in their stead sixteen new missionaries have been appointed. We thank God that not one of our missionaries has died on the field, and that even in troubulous China God has suffered us to lose only a part of our mission property in the northern districts. The Board is now asking for more missionaries. Fifteen or twenty men and women are needed at present for important points. The means are ready. May God guide the best amongst us to go.

The Treasurer's report shows $140,102.30 given this year, and yet this is only an average of about 8¾ cents per member for our great Baptist hosts. Is this a rich gift to Him who gave Himself to redeem us? So many of us give nothing at all, and yet we claim to love the Lord. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you." "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." The great commission still stands: "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe whatsoever things I commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Do we love Him? "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. Watson, Ch'man.

The three reports were jointly discussed by brethren Huckabee, Taliaferro, Dickinson, Williams, Curry, Ridgeway and Moseley, after which they were adopted.

32. Bro. W. N. Huckabee, appointee, preached the annual missionary sermon at 11 a. m. from 2d Corinthians 12:14.

33. After prayer by Bro. Moseley, adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

34. The Association met at the hour appointed and was led in prayer by Bro. Myrick.

35. The report on Denominational Education was read by the Clerk.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

It is a fact, that more interest was manifested during the past year in denominational education than there has been for several years past. And why is it so important to attend a denominational school? Because it is all important to know the doctrines of our church in order that we may be able to teach the erring the way, and make all creatures understand the true teachings of God's Holy Word. We must educate the youth. All usurpers, fraudulent organizations and ignorance must be effaced by the educators of the present age. Bitter controversies must be met and higher principles of the Bible taught. The divinity of God and His law must be paramount.

There are now 450,000,000 Christians; about four-fifths of the land is under Christian control. We are blessed with several superior denominational schools, viz: Howard College, the A. C. F. at Tuscaloosa, and the Judson. May their studious inmates during the coming year be crowned with success and fit themselves for a higher denominational work, is your humble servant's prayer.

D. E. Beard,
Claude Hardy,
H. E. Melton.

36. Bro. W. A. Taliaferro then offered report on ministerial education.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Every one needs a broad, liberal education. It matters not what trade engages one's attention, his mind needs training and development. A minister's influence for good is enhanced to such degree by thorough education that he can present gospel truths so as to seal conviction of sin, which is necessarily an initial step toward conversion to God. And it enables him the better to be "all things to all men." Of course, Pope was right when he said, 'A little learning is a dangerous thing." But when a consecrated follower of Jesus obtains knowledge truly beneficial and seeks wisdom from above, which "Is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, etc." he has an additional weapon with which to slay the emissaries of our soul's adversary. An army like this, though few in number, can rout the enemy and put 10,000 to flight. The triumphant glad song of those on the battle field is, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

A well trained and truly enlightened teacher can represent any code of ethics or system of doctrines even to the illiterate so as to impress them far more than one who, in the midst of such, is "A man among men," a homogeneus type. Our weakest churches are crying for an educated ministry. They want, need and deserve a pure, unadulterated gospel. The unlearned can not give it. Then let our sympathy, prayers and contributions be increased that laborers in

God's vineyard may be better equipped for declaring "The whole counsel of God." Respectfully submitted,

H. T. Crumpton, Ch'man,
J. H. McWilliams,
W. M. Fitzgerald.

37. After being ably discussed by brethren Anderson, Roof and Dickinson, they were adopted.

38. A motion was offered by Bro. W. N. Huckabee to apportion separate amounts to the churches for the Institute Board, which was adopted and referred to the committee on apportionment.

39. Bro. W. A. J. Albritton, for the committee, made a

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following: While we do not believe that "Be ye temperate in all things" was then or is yet intended to apply only to the intemperate use of strong drink, and while we deplore and deprecate with all the earnestness of our souls the intemperance so prevalent amongst us in all things, yet in precedent of previous years we beg to pay special attention to that master monster of the devil's forces—strong drink. Man, under the influence of strong drink, is not himself; he becomes more of an animal in all his thoughts and actions. It may be true or apparently so that his intellect is brightened by indulgence to a certain extent. Oh! but does he know when that indulgence is to stop? Will it be while he is master of the situation, or when he has lost all control of himself and when the occasional indulgence becomes a disease beyond his control? "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." No man ever expected to be a drunkard when he commenced to tipple, but the danger is (and is a universal and individual danger) that no man, it matters not what may be his power mentally or physically, can withstand its stealthy, serpent-like power.

We realize further that the church must lead the way in moral legislation and in the enforcement of moral law. Therefore it is our duty as Christians, citizens and patriots to fight this enemy of our race all along the line, whether it be the bottle hidden in our own closet, the insiduous blind tiger wagging his tail for his deadly attack on our young men, or the gentlemanly saloon, commonly known as the "Dispensary," whose only recommendation is that it will increase our revenue, and especially our school fund. Oh, my brethren and friends, have we sunken so low that we are willing to sell our birthright for a few paltry perishing dollars, or with blood money seek to educate our children on the wrecks of homes and cries of widows and orphans? God forbid.

Let us stand shoulder to shoulder, regardless of what men may say, and fight this most deadly enemy until he is conquered. And in the sight of God and witnesses we do hereby pledge ourselves as a denomination and as individuals, as citizens and Christians who love our God, our posterity or our country to do all in our power to put down the manufacture, sale or use of this demon.

Respectfully,

W. A. J. Albritton,
W. A. J. Stuart,
E. K. Robbins.

Furman, Ala., Sept. 12, 1900.

40. A discussion followed, participated in by brethren Dickinson, Gay, Anderson, Huckabee, Skinner, Fletcher, Curry, Taliaferro and Mosely. Report, as submitted, adopted.

41. Chairman of committee on devotional exercises announced that Rev. A. J. Dickinson, of Selma, would preach at 8 p. m.

42. On motion, the body adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. to-morrow. Benediction by Bro. Gay.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

43. The Association re-assembled promptly at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Roof.

44. Minutes read and approved.

45. The Clerk reported for committee on requests and nominations, as follows:

REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS.

Committee on Requests and Nominations beg leave to report as follows:

For Executive Committee—In addition to Moderator and Clerk, J. L. Skinner, J. F. Fore, W. A. J. Albritton, W. A. Taliaferro, F. M. Fletcher.

To preach annual sermon—W. A. Taliaferro; alternate, J. A. Howard.

To preach annual missionary sermon, Thursday, 11 a. m.—To be selected by executive committee.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention—W. N. Huckabee; alternate, I. S. Ridgeway.

Next session to convene with Concord church, Buena Vista, Monroe county, Ala., on Wednesday before the 3d Sunday in September, 1901, at 11 o'clock a. m.

B. W. Watson,
W. A. J. Albritton,
W. M. Fitzgerald.

46. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the event that neither the delegate nor alternate can attend the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Committee be authorized to fill the vacancy.

47. The following resolution was offered by the Clerk and concurred in:

Resolved, That the Clerk of each church be requested to mail to the Clerk of the Pine Barren Association the associational letter to the place of meeting of the association not later than five days before the meeting.

48. The report on Orphanage was made by Bro. J. L. Glenn.

ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

God has ever given men inspiration equal to any emergency that might present itself. After years of fearful neglect, the Baptists of Alabama were inspired to heed the Scriptural admonition, care for the widow and orphan. Thus, under the consecrated leadership of brethren Stewart, Eager, Farnham and others, the Baptists of Alabama opened March 8, 1893, at Evergreen a temporary home, a refuge for their widows and orphans. Previous to this Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson had deeded her property to the State Convention—held by a board of managers that she had chosen—for the maintenance of such an institution. Thus was organized the Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama. John W. Stewart was appointed Financial Secretary, and on its permanent location in November of the same year, was made General Manager. He still fills the position with Christian earnestness, to the advancement of the cause and the glory of God. The Home, with Mrs. Woodson's bequest, and with brain and energy, has grown from an humble cottage to the comfortable home now occupied. And yet our work has just begun.

Beginning with three inmates, in March, 1900, there had been received 135. Of these, two boys and four girls have died; two boys have been apprenticed; two boys and one girl have been irregularly discharged; thirteen boys and eighteen girls have been returned to their people and fifteen boys and fourteen girls have been adopted, making in all thirty-four boys and thirty seven girls that have gone out from the home, leaving twenty-eight boys and thirty-six girls now in the home. These children have come from thirty counties in the state.

The children are all trained in useful employments. The boys work on the farm, and the girls are taught various kinds of housework. Besides the training received at the Home, all the children of school age attend school free of charge, except a small matriculation fee. One girl is now taking music, and one is learning to set type.

Some benefactors have given cattle, others furniture of different kinds, all of which are very needful, considering the expenses are ten dollars per day, besides goods received.

The Home was impressively dedicated October 28, 1898, brethren Farnham, Stewart, Smith and Ramsey taking part in the service.

Mrs. C. W. Ansley was the first to assume the position of matron. The difficulties that confronted her can be better imagined than described. She gave her whole soul to the work, and for five years addressed herself to the tasks with such gentle forbearance and Christian fortitude as to bring honor to herself and success to the institution. Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy came to the work in January, 1899. Besides following the plans already inaugurated, she instituted reforms that have proven beneficial to the Home. She was succeeded by Miss Sallie Stamps, a young lady living in Evergreen. During the scourge of sickness in the fall of 1899 Miss Stamps proved such a friend to the Home that the Trustees heartily and unanimously elected her matron on the resignation of Mrs. Hardy.

The managers of the Home are making earnest appeals for a sick ward. A sick department has become an absolute necessity. It is a fact that nursing is paramount to medical treatment, especially in the case of children. About four-fifths of the children are under

twelve years of age, and many of them are from families that are diseased; consequently they are very susceptible to reverses during sickness. The impossibility of isolating contageous diseases, the difficulty of keeping the patient as quiet as is necessary, and the appalling embarrassment in time of a death emphasize the necessity of a department for the sick. It should be built at once. Will the friends of the institution support the cause?

Respectfully,

J. L. GLENN,
For the Com.

Discussed by brethren Fletcher, Huckabee, Fore, Ramsey and Williams. A collection of $4.20 was taken, then report adopted.

49. Bro. O. H. Spencer reported for Committee on Digest of Letters. See statistical table. Report adopted.

50. Bro. J. W. Luckie offered report on Sabbath Schools, which, after discussion by brethren Huckabee, Gay, Taliaferro and Williams, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The importance of the Sunday school cannot be questioned by any sane person who for a moment considers the power and sacredness of its mission—namely, that of shaping and developing the immortal souls for eternity. According to statistics, we have in Alabama 1,739 Sunday schools, while we have 5,133 churches; only about one Sunday school to every three churches. We have 64,346 Sunday school scholars and a church membership of 331,331, or about one Sunday school scholar to about every five church members. In Pine Barren Association we have a church membership of 2,168, and only about 770 in Sunday school, or about one interested in the Sunday school in any way to every three of our church membership. We have in in our bounds twenty-eighi churches, ten of which have no Sunday schools. These ten without Sunday schools have a membership of 465; one of these (if we mistake not) with 161 members, and no Sunday school. And yet we claim to be Missionary Baptists and profess to love the all important work of our Master.

We find further that 60 per cent of our church members join before twenty year4 of age and that about nine-tenths of our working membership come from our Sunday schools. Is this, then, an important branch of our Master's service? We recognize as chief causes of this destitution in Sunday school work—

1. A criminal negligence and indifference on the part of parents and pastors, rather than on the part of the young people.

2. A lack of proper preparation on the part of those who listlessly undertake to conduct this work.

We recommend, first, that our Association, our pastors and our people arouse themselves to a full sense of this great obligation and set to work at once to supply this prevailing destitution.

Second, that our Sunday schools provide themselves with our most efficient and helpful literature sent out by our Board at Nashville.

Third, that we commend to our leaders and teachers as the one and only true model in this great work The Great Teacher. He knew the teachings, He loved and sympathized with the scholars under Him,

and He was faithful even unto death. To His authority, His wisdom, His guidance we point every Sunday school worker, and above all, for His sake let us do this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LUCKIE, Ch'man,
C. E. BRUNER,
C. C. BRUNER.

51. Bro. W. A. Taliaferro made report on Denominational Literature as follows:

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

This year, A. D. 1900, is to be marked by the Southern Baptist Convention as a year of celebration in the turn of the centuries. We set our faces toward the future to make the incoming century surpass all others in onward movement for the Kingdom of Christ. God has led His people out into glorious opportunities, and bids them enter the open door.

Education in missions is a basal need, and will give new impulse to mission endeavor, and to this end we, your committee, commend to every Baptist in this Association the "Foreign Mission Journal," for no Southern Baptist can be well informed about our work without reading it, and the better informed we are the more interest we have at heart in our work.

We next recommend the use of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday school literature, for these reasons:

1st. In supporting the Sunday School Board we are thereby supporting nearly every enterprise fostered by Southern Baptists.

2d. Their literature is as good as any, and

3d. They encourage the observance of "Children's Day." and for every dollar contributed to their Bible Fund, they give two dollars worth of Bibles to those who are absolutely unable to buy them.

We would call special attention to the book department of our Board in Nashville. They have recently issued "The Life of Yates," by Dr. C. E. Taylor, of North Carolina; "The Great Trio," by Dr. W. R. L. Smith; and "The Baptist Why and Why Not." by some twenty of our leading thinkers. This latter book is one of the best compendiums of Baptist doctrine now presented to our people. Each of these can be had from Dr. J. M. Frost, Secretary, Nashville, Tenn. We would also call attention to Kind Words, a weekly religious paper published specially for home life.

We further recommend the reading of the "Alabama Baptist," because it is our state organ.

It is needless for us to mention the study of the Bible, for who can imagine a person who has professed faith in Christ who does not read the Bible daily?

Commending in a general way all of our weekly and monthly periodicals, we are

Respectfully,

P. E. WALLACE,
J. L. SKINNER,
Committee.

Discussed by brethren Roof and Dickinson and adopted.

52. Prof. F. M. Roof offered, for the committee, the following report:

WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman's work presents two aspects to which attention is invited.

First: The opportunity it affords the Christian women in our churches for personal activity in the Lord's Kingdom. By it they make themselves personally felt in effort and influence along all lines of religious activity.

Secondly: The vast force it enlists in effective Christian service. They comprise the larger element of our church life, and to enlist them fully in the Master's service is to enlist the paramount and aggressive of the church in advancing the interest of the Kingdom.

At the ladies' meeting at Hot Springs it was reported that during the year then closing the ladies had raised $83,266.73. Of this amount Alabama ladies raised $4.916.71. This year they are asked by the Boards, Foreign, Home and Sunday School, to raise $5,000. The amount above mentioned was raised for those three Boards, and does not include the amount raised for state and church work, which would make the figures much larger.

We would suggest that every pastor in this Association organize a Ladies' Mission and Aid Society in his church, and that the societies work through the Woman's Board—or Central Committee, as it is called—located at Birmingham. Mrs. L. A. Moore, of Furman, is Vice-President of this Association and is ready to give the necessary aid and instruction in this great work.

N. KEARLEY,
GEO. RIKARD,
TRAVIS REAVES,
ROBT. HELTON,
Committee.

Discussed by sister Ansley and brethren Williams and Dickinson.

After which report adopted.

53. The report on apportionment was read by Bro. O. H. Spencer and adopted as follows:

CHURCHES.	Institute Board.	General Purposes.	Minutes.	Orphanage.
Ackerville	$ 2 50	$ 35 00	$ 1 50	$ 12 00
Allenton	2 50	25 00	1 50	7 50
Bear Creek	1 00	20 00	2 00	5 00
Bell's Landing	1 00	10 00	1 00	5 00
Bethel	1 00	12 00	1 00	5 00
Bethsaida	5 00	120 00	4 00	27 50
Butler Springs	1 00	12 00	1 00	5 00
Camden	2 50	25 00	1 50	5 00
Concord	3 00	50 00	2 00	10 00
Enon	1 50	25 00	1 50	5 00
Forest Home	5 00	75 00	2 50	25 00
Fellowship	2 50	35 00	1 50	20 00
Flat Creek		1 00	25	1 00
Friendship	5 00	110 00	4 00	25 00
Gullett's Bluff	50	10 00	1 00	5 00
Indian Springs	1 00	13 00	1 00	3 00
Midway	1 00	20 00	1 50	5 00
Monterey	1 00	10 00	50	4 00
Mt. Pisgah	1 00	10 00	1 00	2 50
Mt. Pleasant	4 00	10 00	1 00	5 00
New Hope	1 00	22 00	1 50	5 00
New Providence	50	12 50	1 00	5 00
Pine Level	50	10 00	1 00	2 00
Pleasant Hill	50	7 00	50	3 00
Pineville	2 50	30 00	1 50	8 00
Rock West	1 50	19 00	1 00	5 00
Spring Hill	1 00	10 00	1 00	3 00
Total	$ 49 50	$ 738 50	$38 75	$ 213 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARPER,
R. E. LAMBERT,
J. K. P. ROBSON.

54. Standing committees to report at next session was announced by Moderator. See list, first page.

55. The committee on finance, through Bro. J. L. Glenn, reported, which report was concurred in. See finance table. Said committee also reported that they had examined Treasurer's report and found it correct, which was concurred in.

55. The committee to confer with like committee of Selma

Association relative to getting a more complete blank church letter was continued. Bro. W. A. Taliaferro added in place of Rev. Jas. I. Kendrick.

57. By rising vote the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to this church and entire community for their Christian courtesy and generous hospitality that have been extended to us during our sojourn with them; and that we also thank Mrs. E. L. Cunningham and choir for music rendered, and in return for these courtesies we pray the Lord to bless this entrie community, and we hope to be spared to have other meetings with them.

Respectfully,

O. H. SPENCER.

58. After singing a hymn and giving the parting hand, the Association adjourned, with prayer by the Moderator, to meet with Concord Baptist Church, Buena Vista, Monro Co., Ala., Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1901, at 11 a. m.

J. G. REYNOLDS, Clerk, Forest Home, Ala.

D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator, Pine Apple, Ala.

HISTORICAL TABLE.

YEAR	CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER.	INTRODUCTORY SERMON BY	MISSIONARY SERMON BY
1850	Friendship and Bear Creek	K. Hawthorn	C. W. Hare	S. S. Andress	J. J. Sessions	C. W. Hare
1851	Camden	J. J. Sessions	C. W. Hare	S. S. Andress	J. J. Sessions	
1852	County Line	J. J. Sessions	E. E. Kirven	S. S. Andress	G. Longnire	
1853	Fellowship	J. J. Sessions	E. E. Kirven	S. S. Andress	S. Wright	J. J. Sessions
1854	Pineville	J. J. Sessions	E. E. Kirven	S. S. Andress	J. C. Jones	
1855	New Providence	J. J. Sessions	E. E. Kirven	S. S. Andress	P. Stout	
1856	Allenton	J. J. Sessions	C. W. Hare	S. S. Andress	K. Hawthorn	J. A. Collins
1857	Friendship	J. C. Jones	C. W. Hare	S. S. Andress	M. L. McWilliams	J. S. Abbott
1858	Pineville	J. C. Jones	C. W. Hare	S. S. Andress	J. C. Jones	G. Longnire
1859	Rockwest	J. C. Jones	C. W. Hare	S. S. Andress	J. D. Kendrick	J. Wilmer
1860	Allenton	J. D. Kendrick	C. W. Hare	S. S. Andress	M. T. Sumner	J. D. Kendrick
1861	Fellowship	J. C. Jones	C. W. Hare	S. S. Andress	R. Holman	J. D. Kendrick
1862	Pineville	J. C. Jones	C. W. Hare	J. W. Leslie	M. L. McWilliams	J. C. Jones
1863	Rockwest	L. W. Lindsey	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	L. W. Lindsey	C. W. Hare
1864	Antioch	L. W. Lindsey	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	J. Wilmer	
1865	Friendship	L. W. Lindsey	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	E. Hawthorn	
1866	Concord	L. W. Lindsey	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	John Tolbert	
1867	Rockwest	L. W. Lindsey	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	P. J. Cree	
1868	Bethsaida	R. H. Irvin	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	J. C. Jones	
1869	Fellowship	R. H. Irvin	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	C. F. Sturgis	
1807	Pineville	M. L. McWilliams	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	C. W. Hare	
1871	Rockwest	M. L. McWilliams	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	M. L. McWilliams	
1872	Bethsaida	R. H. Irvin	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	C. F. Sturgis	
1873	Friendship	R. H. Irvin	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	J. F. Bruner	
1874	Concord	B. H. Crumpton	C. W. Hare	J. E. Gullette	B. H. Crumpton	
1875	Camden	B. H. Crumpton	C. W. Hare	R. C. Jones	B. J. Skinner	
1876	Bethsaida	J. F. Bruner	C. W. Hare	J. W. Purifoy	J. F. Bruner	

1877	Fellowship	J. F. Bruner	C. W. Hare	J. W. Purifoy	C. W. Hare	
1878	Pineville	D. W. Ramsey	C. W. Hare	J. W. Purifoy	C. J. Forester	
1879	Rockwest	D. W. Ramsey	J. N. Holcomb	J. W. Purifoy	A. T. Sims	
1880	Bear Creek	D. W. Ramsey	J. N. Holcomb	J. W. Purifoy	W. C. Cleveland	
1881	Ebenezer	D. W. Ramsey	C. C. Jones	J. W. Purifoy	T. M. Baily	
1882	Concord	D. W. Ramsey	O. J. Burson	J. W. Purifoy	W. G. Curry	
1883	Rockwest	D. W. Ramsey	O. J. Burson	J. W. Purifoy	W. B. Crumpton	
1884	Bethsaida	D. W. Ramsey	O. J. Burson	J. W. Purifoy	Dr. Cleveland	
1885	Friendship	J. B. McWilliams	John Purifoy	J. W. Purifoy	Dr. B. F. Riley	
1886	Pineville	W. G. Curry	John Purifoy	J. W. Purifoy	D. W. Ramsey	
1887	Ackerville	D. W. Ramsey	John Purifoy	J. W. Purifoy	R. M. Hunter	
1888	Monterey	D. W. Ramsey	John Purifoy	J. W. Purifoy	W. G. Curry	
1889	Indian Springs	D. W. Ramsey	John Purifoy	J. W. Purifoy	A. T. Sims	
1890	Bethsaida	D. W. Ramsey	John Purifoy	J. W. Purifoy	W. J. Elliott	
1891	Midway	D. W. Ramsey	John Purifoy	J. W. Purifoy	W. D. Gay	
1892	Camden	D. W. Ramsey	Daniel Cook	J. W. Purifoy	D. W. Ramsey	
1893	Friendship	D. W. Ramsey	Daniel Cook	J. W. Purifoy	J. B. Powell	W. N. Huckabee
1894	Concord	D. W. Ramsey	J. G. Reynolds	J. W. Purifoy	A. P. Majors	J. H. Riffe
1895	Forest Home	D. W. Ramsey	J. G. Reynolds	J. W. Purifoy	W. N. Huckabee	W. M. Harris
1896	Enon	D. W. Ramsey	J. G. Reynolds	J. W. Purifoy	W. M. Blackwelder	J. B. Powell
1897	Pineville	D. W. Ramsey	J. G. Reynolds	J. W. Purifoy	W. L. Cahall	J. I. Kendrick
1898	Ackerville	D. W. Ramsey	J. G. Reynolds	W. A. J. Albritton	W. N. Huckabee	W. A. Parker, Sr.
1899	Pine Apple	D. W. Ramsey	J. G. Reynolds	W. A. J. Albritton	B. J. Skinner	W. B. Crumpton
1900	Bethsaida	D. W. Ramsey	J. G. Reynolds	W. A. J. Albritton	W. B. Crumpton	W. N. Huckabee

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF PINE BARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR 1900.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.										EDUCATION.			ORPHANS' HOME			HOME EXPENSES.					
	STATE		HOME		FOREIGN		Church Buildings (not at home) vouch.	ASSOCIATIONAL		BIBLE AND COLPORT'GE	MINISTERI'L											
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher		Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Incidental—Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Buildi'gs	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, etc.	TOTAL	Value of Property.
Ackerville	$ 3 50	$	$	$ 6 90	$ 5 40	$ 5 00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 5 00	$ 2 70	$10 00	$ 8 60	$ 1 50	$ 200 00	$ 6 00	$10 00	$ 264 60	$ 750 00
Allenton	5 55		5 55		5 65				1 00				2 25	5 00		1 50	100 00		5 00	131 50	1000 00
Bear Creek	1 50		1 50		1 50								2 00	2 00		1 50	75 00	60 00	5 00	150 00	600 00
Belle's Landing		2 82		1 95		2 26		50				1 00	3 55		4 60	50	100 00			117 18	850 00
Bethel																					250 00
Bethsaida		13 30		17 56		21 70	2 50				5 60		22 25		19 53	4 00	450 00	25 00	58 90	643 59	800 00
Butler Springs		6 23	1 00		2 00								10 16	1 30	1 05	1 01	36 55			59 30	250 00
Camden	2 05		1 00		50							10 00		5 00		1 00	240 00			259 55	3000 00
Concord		10 02		10 02		10 07						10 00	5 50		10 00	2 50	150 00		6 00	214 11	600 00
Enon		4 00	1 60			3 00					2 35				3 00	75	100 00		25 40	140 10	800 00
Fellowship		9 32		4 97	3 75	4 96	2 00			5 00				16 30	3 70	1 50	150 00	220 00	3 00	424 50	620 00
Flat Creek	2 00																			2 00	
Forest Home	8 00	10 52	3 00	32 54	3 50	34 14	5 00		3 00		3 50	5 00		1 75	3 00	20 00	2 60	200 00	25 00	15 60	376 15	800 00
Friendship	12 65	14 50	10 00		12 60	10 60			12 50			8 00	2 00		20 00	20 00	4 00	350 00		3 00	479 85	1500 00
Gullett's Bluff				3 50		3 50											1 00			1 25	9 25	200 00
Indian Springs	3 33		3 33									3 34		1 30	2 00		60		1 00	3 21	18 11	100 00
Midway																						750 00
Monterey	1 00		1 00		1 00										1 00		1 00				5 00	350 00
Mt. Pisgah			50		1 44	1 65									62		30	50 00	35 00	2 75	92 26	500 00
Mt. Pleasant	1 15											1 69		3 02	2 00		70	75 00			83 56	500 00
New Hope		1 00			9 45	2 45										2 50	75	70 00		4 60	90 75	600 00
New Providence	5 00							5 00							5 00		1 00	75 00			91 00	250 00
Pine Level																						250 00
Pineville	4 95		4 95		4 95	4 20						2 50		12 50	4 73	2 02	1 50	175 00		60 00	277 30	800 00
Pleasant Hill	90		1 00		1 00										3 00		50			5 00	11 40	75 00
Rockwest	3 00		2 50			2 00						7 50			5 00		1 00				21 00	1200 00
Spring Hill					1 30	3 70											1 00	70 00	18 95	7 45	102 40	300 00
Collect'ns at Ass'n	6 61														4 20						12 01	
Total	$61 19	$71 71	$36 93	$77 44	$54 04	109 23	$ 9 50	$ 5 50	$16 50		$11 75	$35 98	$28 00	$66 98	$90 15	$95 00	$31 71	$2666 55	390 95	216 16	$4076 47	$ 16195 00

Education, Institute Board—Collected at Association, $1.20.

STATISTICS OF PINE BARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Membership Last Reported.	INCRE'SE BY				D'CREASE BY				Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preach'g Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Superintendent's Name and Postoffice.			
Ackerville	Wilcox		W. A. J. Stewart	Ackerville	123	9	1		1	3			2	129	8	54	W. A. J. Albritton, Ackerville	1	We'kly	1
Allenton	"	Resigned	W. M. Fitzgerald	Allenton	42		1			2			1	40	7	35	W. M. Fitzgerald, Allenton	4		
Bear Creek	"	I. S. Ridgeway	D. P. Watts	Caledonia	105	5				1				109	4	37	D. J. Philpot, Caledonia	1		1
Bell's Landing	Monroe	C. H. Morgan	O. H. Spencer	Sallie	25								1	24				3		
Bethel	"				58									58						
Bethsaida	Wilcox	W. A. Taliaferro	W. M. Purifoy	Snow Hill	178		1			9	2		3	165	9	65	J. C. Williams, Furman	1 & 3	We'kly	
Butler Springs	Butler	J. M. Fortune	W. C. Carter	Butler Springs	59	3							1	61	5	37	W. C. Carter, Butler Springs	1		
Camden	Wilcox	J. A. Howard	J. P. Fairley	Camden	58		3			3			2	56	6	40	R. C. Jones, Camden	1		
Concord	Monroe	D. W. Ramsey	J. J. Finklea	Buena Vista	130	5	1						1	135	8	65	M. V. Middleton, Buena Vista	4	We'kly	1
Enon	Wilcox	W. N. Huckabee	R. E. Wearen	Olea	114	3	1			1			1	116				4		1
Fellowship	"	W. A. Taliaferro	W. T. Steen	Monterey	60	10	4		2	6			4	66	6	37	J. W. Kendrick, Monterey	2		1
Flat Creek	Monroe		Mrs. M. McCrary	Turn Bull	5									5						
Forest Home	Butler	Resigned	W. H. Watt	Forest Home	102	3	3			2			2	104	5	55	W. A. Glenn, Forest Home	2		
Friendship	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	H. E. Melton	Pine Apple	230	11	4		3	6			4	238	12	85	Claude Hardy, Pine Apple	1 & 3	We'kly	1
Gullett's Bluff	"	F. M. Fletcher	C. C. Sellers	Camden	42									42						
Indian Springs	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	J. E. Fore	Riley	66	7	1				1		1	72	5	40	David Maxwell, Pine Apple	3		1
Midway	"		R. A. Wallace	Activity	161									161						
Monterey	Butler	No Pastor	T. E. Knight	Monterey, Ala	19							4		15						
Mt. Pisgah	"	E. C. Clayton	J. T. Dean	Starlington	67	7								74	6	46	J. T. Dean, Starlington	4		1
Mt. Pleasant	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	S. J. Byrd	Simpkinsville	144	7		2		11	1	16	1	124				2		
New Hope	"	A. P. Majors	J. R. Maxwell	Natchez	74	2						2	1	73	6	42	W. M. Davison, Natchez	2		
New Providence	Wilcox	W. N. Huckabee	G. G. Newell	Asahel	22	2	2				1			25				1		
Pine Level	Butler		W. B. Taylor		27									27						
Pineville	Monroe	D. W. Ramsey	W. Ivey	Fork	73	2				2	9			64	4	45	J. M. Sims, Beatrice	2		
Pleasant Hill	Wilcox	F. M. Fletcher	Felix Tait	Camden	32	4		6		1	1			40	5	25	M. L. Bonham, Camden	2		1
Rockwest	"	J. A. Howard	W. P. Murphy	Rockwest	40									40				2		
Spring Hill	Monroe	A. P. Majors	J. D. McKinley	Franklin	69	9					5		1	72	3	24	D. Massey, Franklin	4		
Total					2125	89	22	8	6	47	20	22	26	2135						